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The Honorable Mayor and
Board of City Commissioners
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Wichita, Kansas

Dear Commissioners:

This document contains the 1983 operating budget for the City of Wichita. The operating budget is the administrative document containing funds to carry out policy decisions you made throughout the summer of 1982 after many days of hearings and deliberations.

The adopted budget requires property taxes \$3,010,000 below the state-mandated property tax limit, which demonstrates this City's commitment to apply maximum productivity and efficiency techniques and still furnish essential services to support the needs of the people of Wichita.

The concerted effort to improve lines of communications and more meaningful cooperation with County government resulted in pre-1982 funding levels for City-County operations. The policy change approved by both the City and County Commissions during the summer of 1982 decreased the City's percentage contribution to the Health Department from the 1982 level of 64% to 60%; the Planning Department from 55% to 50%; Flood Control from 55% to 50%. The Emergency Communications percentage contribution remains the same as prior years with the City funding 73% of the total requirement.

In summary, the adopted budget:

- holds a strict limit on spending by maintaining only current level programs;
- requires 38.658 mills, a reduction of 3.534 mills compared to the adopted 1982 budget;
- is \$2,000,000 less than the City Manager's recommended budget;

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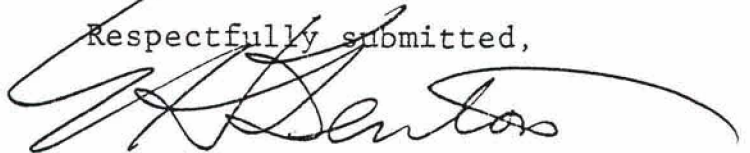
- eliminates 66 positions from tax-supported and utility operations from the original total recommended in the City Manager's message without seriously affecting field operations;
- initiates a pilot program to contract out custodial services, resulting in dollar savings and reduced personnel;
- provides funds for a modest employee improvement package; and,
- demonstrates City employees willingness to increase productivity by "giving back" concessions granted over the past years in union negotiations worth more than \$500,000.

The voters response to the one percent sales tax has required the 1983 budget to rely more on the assumption that a greater share of user fees will be needed to support some activities. In addition, it assumes that private industry will need to shoulder some responsibility in certain areas where needs may not be adequately met.

At a time when the federal government is retreating from local financial assistance, local administrators are challenged to provide innovative financial and operational management to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services delivered. Your approval of budgeted funds for the purpose of purchasing advanced office automation technology will assist in this endeavor.

While the 1983 budget, as adopted, is in fact a "lean" budget, when viewed in terms of all prevailing conditions, this adopted budget will present a balanced program of service for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,



E. H. Denton
City Manager

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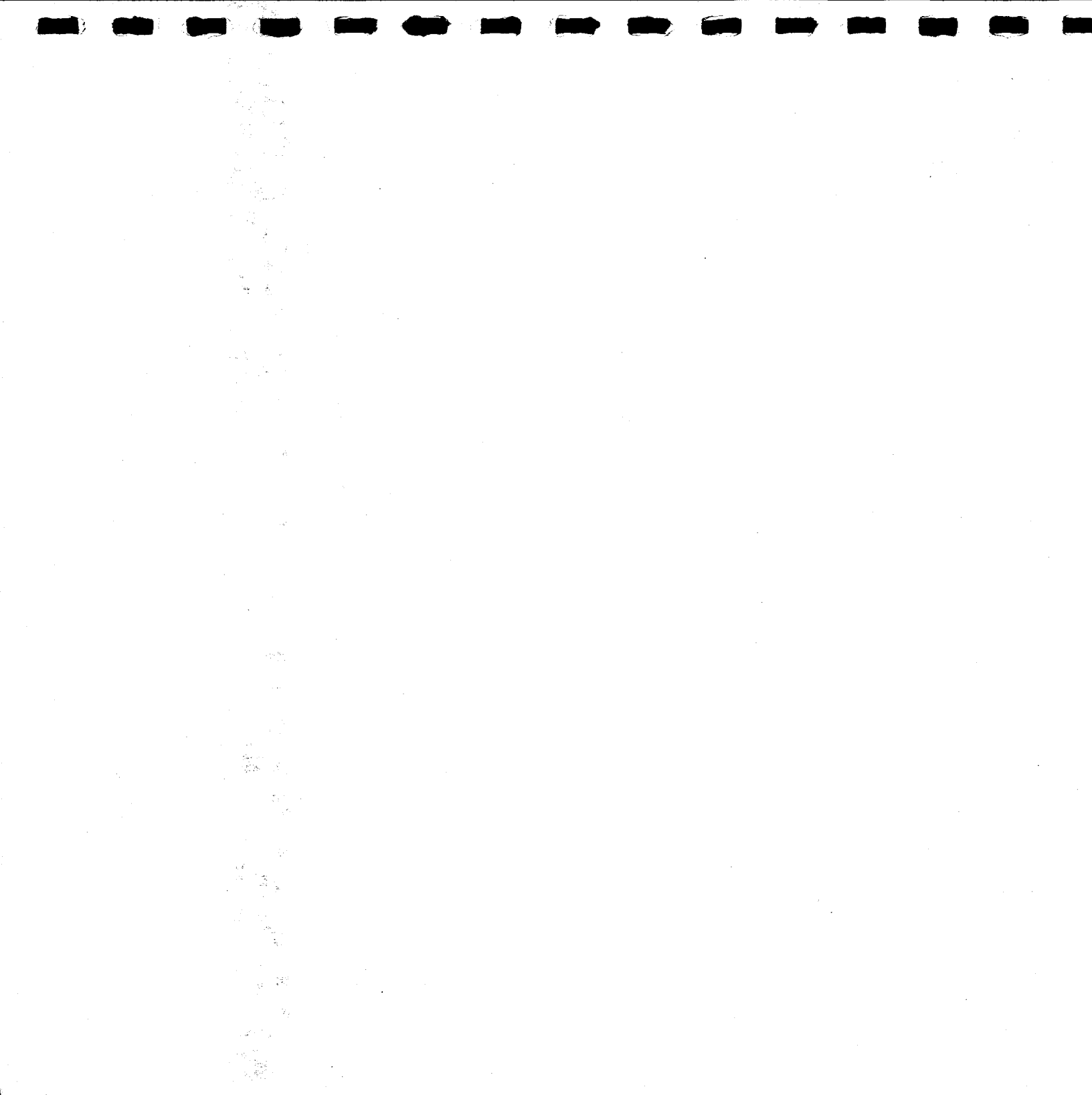
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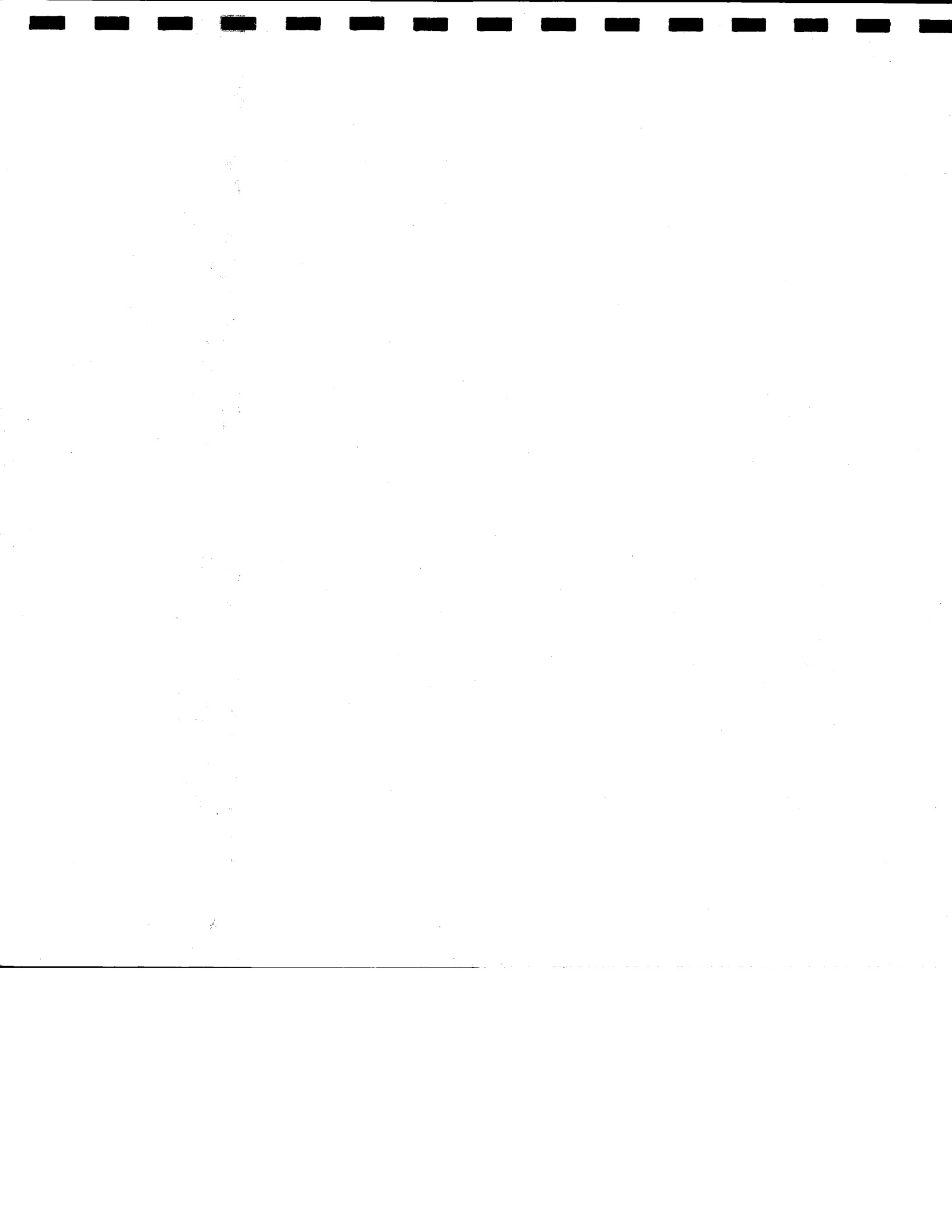


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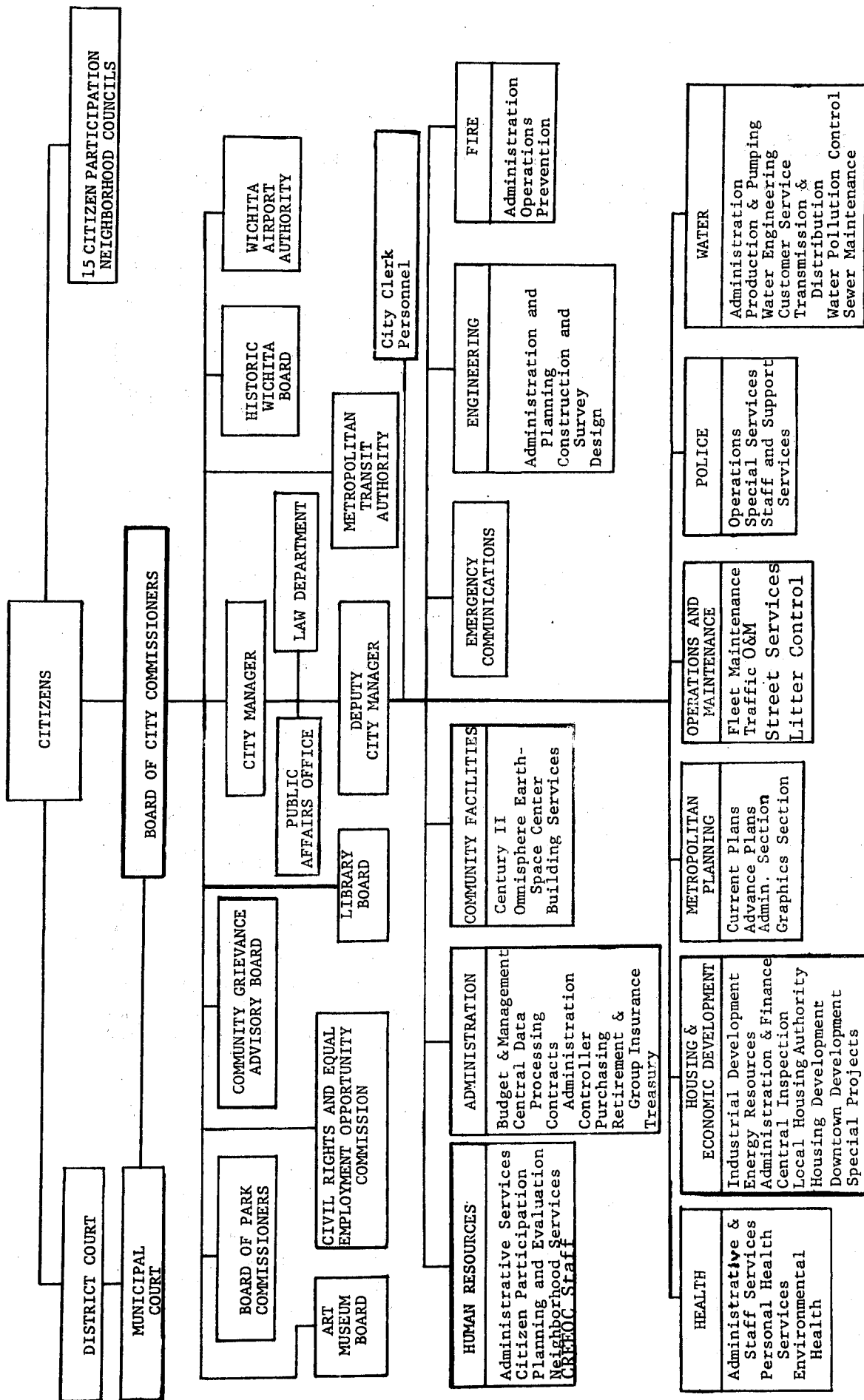
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